



The Lilydale Legend

The official newsletter of Lilydale Primary School

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Dear Families,

Next Week

We will have a practice fire drill on Tuesday afternoon. We will be telling our students about this before the drill, so they are aware that it is a practice. Practice drills are a mandated expectation from the Department of Education. If you have any concerns about your child, please contact your child's teacher.

Our 2026 Prep students have made it through their first month. Next Wednesday marks the first full week of school for them. They have done well to settle into the routines of schooling and with the classroom expectations.

The importance of regular school attendance

At Lilydale Primary School, we prioritise regular school attendance. We will work with families to ensure students are in class with their peers and teachers and enjoying all the benefits that brings.

Attending school every day means experiencing what counts – the learning, friendship, fun and opportunities that can shape your child's future. We understand that there are times when your child will need to miss school, but to ensure minimal disruption to their education, please consider scheduling family holidays or medical/dental appointments outside of school time. If your child is well enough to attend but is worried about friendships, schoolwork, or exams, please encourage them to come to school. Avoiding school can make these feelings worse and can create a negative pattern of behaviour.

If your child is having difficulty attending school, talk to their teacher about getting support.

We know that parents and carers can be juggling challenges daily to get your children to school. If your child must miss school, notify us as soon as possible by either calling the office or recording the absence on Sentral so we can work together to support them.

Incidents During the School Day

From time to time, situations arise during the school day where a child may feel upset or disappointed about how something unfolded. As parents and carers, it can be difficult to hear that your child has experienced a challenging moment at school.

If your child shares a concern with you, we kindly ask that you contact their classroom teacher in the first instance so the matter can be followed up appropriately. This allows us to gather all perspectives, support the students involved, and ensure the situation is addressed in a fair and thoughtful way. We appreciate your partnership in working with us to support all children and to maintain a safe and respectful school environment.

School Newsletter – Printed Copies

At this month's School Council meeting, we discussed the printing of our school newsletter, with consideration given to reducing paper use, associated costs, and administrative time.

To ensure we continue to meet the needs of our community, we are seeking to identify families who would prefer to receive a printed (hard copy) version of the newsletter.

A link was shared in last week's Sentral News Feed for families to indicate their preference. For your convenience, a hard copy reply slip is also included below.

If you would like to receive the newsletter in printed form, please complete and return the slip below by Friday 7th March.

Thank you for your support as we work to balance sustainability with family preferences.

About Me

I thought I'd share a little about me in each addition over the next few weeks. Here is my next piece of information:

- Most holidays, I like to spend time camping with family and friends. I leave technology behind, and we head away to enjoy the simplicities of life. Generally, we camp off-grid, although occasionally we stay in caravan parks and connect to power. I love getting away and slowing down.

As always, thank you for your ongoing partnership and support. We look forward to another great week of learning together.

Kind Regards,

Emily Murcott



Printed Newsletter Opt – In

If you would like to receive a printed copy, please complete this form. **This is an opt-in only option.** If you are happy to access the newsletter only digitally through Sentral, you do not need to complete the following form.

Name - _____

My youngest / only child's name is...

My youngest / only child's class is...



Award Winners

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YOU ARE AMAZING



Congratulations



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Run Around Australia Challenge



We have now run 11,958km and have 236km to go to get to Ceduna.

We have raised a total of \$2,253.30 for sports equipment from recycling. We have purchased balls for all the classrooms, soccer balls and tees for tee-ball



On Friday our Rugby Tag Team and Basketball Teams travelled to Manchester PS. Congratulations to: Rylan, Zara & Jade for winning the Community Sports Award.

Perceptual Motor Program (PMP)

Preps have started the PMP program each Friday morning. They participate in some fun activities to improve coordination, balance and spatial awareness. Thanks to the parents who have volunteered to help and Mrs Marion for organising these sessions each week.



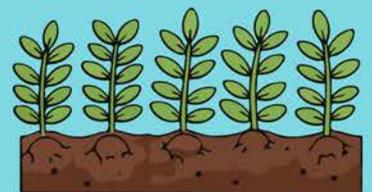
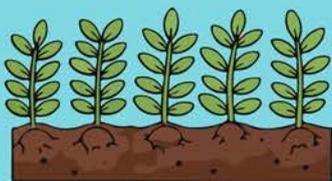
SPORT	WINNER	SCORE
Basketball (girls)	Lilydale	40-14
Basketball (open)	Lilydale	29-0
Rugby League Tag	Manchester	3-0
Cricket	Manchester	LPS No Team
Tee-Ball	Lilydale	No Team
Hot shots Tennis	Lilydale	No Team



Grade 3 Planting the Seed excursion.

The grade 3s visited Spadonis Reserve in Yering to start their 'planting the seed' journey. They learnt about native plants and how to take plant cuttings. They then went back to school to plant the cuttings.

Our next step is to water the plants and plant them later in the year to help our local ecosystems.





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Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Please see information right regarding CSEF. Application forms are at the office. If you're not sure if you are eligible please check with the office.

Thanks
Deb and Tania



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund eligibility

Applications must be submitted to the school as soon as possible and no later than the end of Term 2. Where a school or family is unsure if the concession card is eligible, they are encouraged to submit the application into the CSEF system for validation.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

Those who are eligible to apply for the CSEF must meet both of the following two criteria or be eligible for special consideration.

Eligible means-tested cards

Only financially means-tested cards are eligible.

Eligibility date

Eligibility will be subject to the parent/carer's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink (refer to the department's policy [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\)](#)), on either the first student day of Term 1 or Term 2.

Criterion 1 – General eligibility

The applicant must be one of the following:

- a parent or carer who is the beneficiary of a financially means-tested card
- a student over 16 years who is considered a mature minor and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card). Applicant to use the 16 and over application form. For guidance on assessing whether a student is a mature minor, refer to the department's policy on [Mature Minors and Decision Making](#)
- a parent or carer whose child is 16 or over and the beneficiary of a financially means-tested card but are not considered a mature minor. Applicant to use the 16 and over parent consent form.

For students over 16 years of age and where the eligible card is in the name of the student, the fund is only granted to that student, not their siblings.

Criterion 2 – Be of school age and attend a Victorian school

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a registered Victorian school. CSEF is not payable to a student attending pre-school, kindergarten, TAFE or who are home schooled.

Special Consideration

A special consideration eligibility category exists to assist families and students in certain circumstances. Applications should be made through this application form. For more information, refer to [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Eligibility](#).

Payment amounts

The CSEF is an annual payment paid directly to the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child. Please refer to the department's policy for the current rates and more information, [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Payment amounts](#).

How to complete the application form

Note: all sections must be completed by the applicant.

- Complete the APPLICANT DETAILS section. Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
- Complete the STUDENT DETAILS section for students at this school.
- Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible and no later than the end of Term 2.

Privacy Statement

The Department of Education is committed to protecting your privacy. All information collected will be handled in accordance with the Privacy Data and Protection Act 2014 (Vic) and the Health Records Act 2001 (Vic). This personal information is collected to assess your eligibility to receive a CSEF payment. Your data is securely managed and only shared with Centrelink and DFFH when necessary for business operations or legal compliance. By submitting this form, you consent to our data practices. For more information regarding collection to your personal information or the handling of personal information please email csf@education.vic.gov.au. For more information about the department's privacy policy, please visit: Schools.privacy.policy.vic.gov.au

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Eastland's Play Well program is a community wellbeing initiative delivered in partnership with the Australian Sports Commission, created to support children and families to be active, healthy and confident. The program encourages kids to move more, try new sports and develop positive habits through play, volunteering, coaching and community involvement.

Play Well connects families and schools with local sporting clubs, programs and easy-to-access resources that support both physical and mental wellbeing. By reducing barriers to participation and strengthening connections with community organisations, Eastland is helping create inclusive opportunities for young people to stay active, build confidence and feel connected.

WIN A \$100 EASTLAND PLAY WELL GIFT CARD

Eastland is offering families the chance to win a weekly \$100 Eastland Gift Card to support participation in sport and physical activity.

How It Works:

- Families can enter the competition via Eastland's Play Well page: <https://eastland.oicre.com/Articles/Play-Well/Play-Well-Gift-Card-Competition>
- Each week, one entrant will win a \$100 Eastland Gift Card
- Gift cards can be used towards sporting equipment, apparel and other active lifestyle needs

PLAYWELL RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

In addition to the competition, Eastland's Play Well hub provides helpful resources for parents and carers, including:

- Links to local sporting clubs and community programs
- Information on how families can get involved in sport together
- Guidance on the benefits of regular physical activity
- Ideas for incorporating movement into everyday family life
- Support for building confidence and enjoyment in sport
- Information on initiatives that support access to sport, including donation and upcycling programs
- Opportunities to give back and support others in the community

To access all resources, visit: <https://eastland.oicre.com/Campaigns/Play-Well>

Discover Lilydale Heights College

2026 OPEN NIGHT

Revised
Date

Wednesday
25th
March

College Tours from 5pm
Presentation at 6.30pm

Bookings for Open Night and daytime
tours are available via the College website.



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Upcoming Events

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TERM 1 2026

February

Wednesdays in February - Preps do not attend school

Fri 27 Gr 5/6 interschool sport vs Oxley (home)

March

Mon 2 Preps start full time

Mon 9 Labour Day Public Holiday

Wed 11-

Fri 13 NAPLAN Gr 3 and 5

Fri 20 Gr 5/6 interschool sport vs Kilsyth/Gladesville (away)

Mon 23-

Fri 27 Swimming Prep - Gr 6

April

Thurs 2 Last Day of Term 2:30pm finish

DON'T FORGET!

- Swimming permission and payment due now
- Gr 5/6 interschool sport payment due now

1800RESPECT

NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC
FAMILY VIOLENCE COUNSELLING SERVICE

1800RESPECT.org.au 1800 737 732



Daisy
connecting women

Daisy is a free app that easily connects you to a wide range of support services in your state and local area.

1800RESPECT.org.au/daisy

Search Daisy and 1800RESPECT in the App Store or Google Play.

Lilydale Primary School staff are on duty before school from 8.45am and after school until 3.45pm. Outside these times students will be unsupervised in the playground. If your child needs to arrive before this time in the morning or after the time in the afternoon please contact Extend at lilydale@extend.com.au to arrange for your child to attend before or after school care.

2026 TERM 1 DATES

- Thur 29th Jan - Thur 2nd April
- Mon 20th April - Fri 26th June
- Mon 13th July - Fri 18 Sept
- Mon 5th October - Fri 18th Dec

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FRIDAY LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch Orders are available on Friday's

Ordering cut off time is:

- 2pm for Daily Specials
- 9pm for ALL ORDERS the Thursday prior

Place your order via the Flexischools App

